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February 14, 2017

The Honorable Patricia Bates  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**Re: SB 69 (Bates) – As introduced January 5, 2017 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Bates:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 69, legislation that would create a felony penalty for any convicted sex offender who willfully removes or disables their Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device.

Proposition 83 (2006) requires every inmate convicted of a sex offense that requires them to register as a sex offender who is released on parole be required to be monitored by a GPS for life. Current California penal code does not specify a penalty for a convicted sex offender who willingly removes or disables their GPS device. SB 69 is needed in order to send the message to convicted sex offenders that cutting off or altering their ankle bracelet is a serious offense and will not be taken lightly.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 69. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Lovingood".

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD  
First District Supervisor  
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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